AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel the prior Abstract of the Disclosure, and add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following heading:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, on line 3, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--

Page 2, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 6, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 7, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Page 8, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

--In this example, different types of information are necessary and particularly:

- the numbers of the loading terminals,

- information concerning traffic restrictions,

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- rules relating to the distribution of tickets by the Internet,

- rules relating to meal service,

- the types of classes of reservation which are recognized.--

Page 18, please replace the table with the following amended table:

| Criteria | Identification of the rule | Content of the rule | Weight |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pair of markets: M3 → M4<br><br>Flight group: BA1-10<br><br>Flight date:  January 20 | R5 | K | 64+16 = 80 |
| Pair of markets: M1 → M2<br><br>Flight group: International<br><br>Flight date:  1$^{st}$ to 15 January | R4 | R, L | 64+16 = 80 |
| Pair of markets: M1 → M2<br><br>Flight group: Interior<br><br>Day of the week: 7 | R3 | W | 64+8 = 72 |
| Pair of markets: M3 → M4<br><br>Flight period:  [[10]] 16 to [[20]] 19 January | R2 | L | 16 |
| Pair of markets: M1 → M2 | R1 | K | 0 |

Page 18, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 5, bridging pages 18 and 19, with the following amended paragraph:

--Two rules have the same ~~priority~~ weight (80) and the input agrees with all the criteria.  The process determines which rule will be selected by selecting the most precise pair of markets:

M3 causes London Heathrow to agree with the priority of 5

M4 causes Bangkok to agree with the priority of 1

M1 causes London Heathrow to agree with a priority of 4

M2 causes Bangkok to agree with a priority of 5.--

Page 19, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

--Rule R4 is applicable because BA9 forms a portion of the international flight group.  On the other hand, as there is a flight period, rule R4 is applicable only to January [[10]] 1st to 15.--

Page 19, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

--As the flight is not completely defined, the process will search the rule which has the next best ~~priority~~ weight, namely rule 3 which has a ~~priority~~ weight equal to 72.  On the other hand, as one of the criteria of this rule is *interior* and the input is *international* (BA9 forms a part of the international flight group), this rule R3 does not apply.--

Page 19, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 20, with the following amended paragraph:

--The process then looks at rule R2 which has a ~~priority~~ weight of 16 and notes that it is applicable from January 16 to 19. Rule R1, which has no ~~priority~~ weight, is applicable from January 21 to 31.--

Page 21, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

--The process will select Rule R1 having a ~~priority~~ weight of 80. However, as the rule has a flight period which does not cover all the input parameters, the user must search for another rule.--

Page 21, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

--Two rules have a same ~~priority~~ weight of 16 and agree with all the criteria. The process will determine which rule will be selected by selecting the most precise pair of markets:

M3 agrees with Melbourne with a priority of 6

M4 agrees with Tokyo with a priority of 5

M2 agrees with Melbourne with a priority of 4

M1 agrees with Tokyo with a priority of 4.

Page 21, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 21, with the following amended paragraph:

--Because of this, the rules which will be returned are:

- R1 which applies to January 10 to 15

- R3 which applies to January [[15]] 10 to 20.--